

ATTACHMENT 1

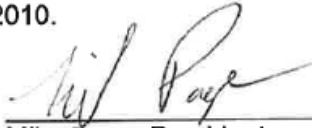

AUTHORIZATION AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

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Attachment 1 is mandatory and consists of authorization and eligibility documentation including the Urban Water Management Planning Act Compliance, CWC §525 compliance, Groundwater Management Plan Compliance, and IRWM Plan consistency.

AUTHORIZING DOCUMENTATION

A copy of Mojave Water Agency Board Resolution No. 915-10 is presented below.

<p style="text-align: center;">RESOLUTION NO. 915-10</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A RESOLUTION OF THE MOJAVE WATER AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS, IN SUPPORT OF FILING AN APPLICATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES TO OBTAIN AN INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT IMPLEMENTATION GRANT</p> <p>WHEREAS, that application be made to the California Department of Water Resources to obtain an Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Grant pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Public Resource Code Section 75011 <i>et seq.</i>) and to enter into an agreement to receive a Proposition 84 grant.</p> <p>WHEREAS, the General Manager of the Mojave Water Agency is hereby authorized and directed to prepare the necessary data, conduct investigations, file such application, and execute a grant agreement with California Department of Water Resources.</p> <p>NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Mojave Water Agency hereby supports the submission of a grant application to the Department of Water Resources for this project.</p> <p>ADOPTED this 18th day of November, 2010.</p> <div style="text-align: right;"> _____ Mike Page, President</div> <div style="text-align: left;"><p>ATTEST:</p> _____ Art Bishop, Secretary</div>
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ELIGIBLE APPLICANT DOCUMENTATION

Local Agency

- *Is the applicant a local agency as defined in Section III of the Guidelines? Please explain.*
- *What is the statutory or other legal authority under which the applicant was formed and is authorized to operate?*
- *Does the applicant have legal authority to enter into a grant agreement with the State of California?*
- *Describe any legal agreements among partner agencies and/or organizations that ensure performance of the Proposal and tracking of funds.*

The Mojave Water Agency (MWA) is a Local Agency as defined in Section III of the guidelines. The MWA was formed in 1959 by an act of the California legislature and was activated by a vote of the residents in 1960 to manage declining groundwater levels in the Mojave Basin Area, Lucerne Valley, and El Mirage Basin. MWA was expanded to include the Johnson Valley and Morongo Basin areas, and today covers an area of over 4,900 square miles. The MWA Regional Water Management Group was accepted into the IRWM Grant Program through the 2009 Region Acceptance Process (RAP).

The MWA has the legal authority to enter into grant agreements with the State of California. MWA serves as Watermaster for the Mojave Basin Area Judgment, and is the wholesaler for imported State Water Project (SWP) supplies. MWA has a contractual relationship for serving the Morongo Basin area (including HDWD and JBWD) with SWP supplies. Grant funds will be administered through MWA and the Regional Water Management Group Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).

GWMP Compliance

For groundwater management and recharge projects and for projects with potential groundwater impacts, either positive or negative, the applicant or the participating agency responsible for such projects must provide in Attachment 1 the following, as applicable:

- *Identification of projects in the Proposal that involve any groundwater management or groundwater recharge or may have either positive or negative groundwater impacts.*
- *The agencies that will implement such project(s).*
- *The status of the applicable GWMP compliance option as described below:*
 - *The applicant or participating agency has prepared and implemented a GWMP that is in compliance with CWC §10753.7.*
 - *The applicant or participating agency conforms to the requirements of an adjudication of water rights in the subject groundwater basin.*
- *Copies of applicable GWMP.*

This application includes projects that involve groundwater management and groundwater recharge, and will have positive groundwater impacts. These projects and their implementing agencies are:

- The Joshua Basin Water District Recharge Basin and Pipeline Project, which will directly recharge the Joshua Tree Groundwater Basin through direct percolation recharge.

- The Hi-Desert Water District Wastewater Treatment and Water Reclamation Project, Phase 1a which will treat wastewater from approximately 175 connections¹, eliminate use of septic tanks, and reclaim and recharge the treated effluent into the groundwater basin.
- The Mojave Water Agency Turf Removal Conservation Incentive Program, which will eliminate up to 6 million square feet of ornamental turf grass, reducing the amount of groundwater pumped for turf irrigation.

The Mojave Water Agency prepared a Groundwater Management Plan (GWMP) in 2004. The GWMP is fully integrated in the MWA IRWMP (see **Error! Reference source not found.**²). This integrated groundwater management plan meets the requirements of CWC §10753.7.

Two basins are adjudicated within the MWA IRWM Region. The applicant, participating agencies and projects fully conform to the requirements of these adjudications. The applicant Mojave Water Agency serves as Watermaster for the Mojave Basin Area Judgment. The participating agency Hi-Desert Water District serves as Watermaster for the Warren Basin Judgment.

Consistency with CWC § 83002.(b)(3)(B)

Section III.b of this PSP presents two possible scenarios whereby projects within an IRWM Plan are eligible for implementation grant funding. If eligibility for this criterion is being established using an IRWM Plan that meets current plan standards as explained in the Guidelines that plan must be submitted as part of Attachment 1. If eligibility is being established using an IRWM Plan adopted prior to September 30, 2008 the plan does not need to be submitted.

The Mojave Water Agency 2004 Regional Water Management Plan was adopted on February 24, 2005 by Resolution 798-05. The Program EIR for the Plan was adopted on February 24, 2005 by Resolution 797-05. If this application is funded, the Mojave Water Agency Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) will enter into a binding agreement with DWR to:

- update the IRWM Plan to meet the IRWM Plan standards contained in the Guidelines within two years of the execution date of the agreement; and
- undertake all reasonable and feasible efforts to take into account water-related needs of disadvantaged communities (DACs) in the area within the IRWM region.

The Mojave Water Agency 2004 Regional Water Management Plan is included as Attachment A.

Consistency with an adopted IRWM Plan

Consistency with the adopted IRWM Plan means either the project is included as an implementation project for the IRWM Plan, or the project has been added to the IRWM Plan after adoption, but in accordance with the procedures in the adopted IRWM Plan. In Attachment 1, the applicant must provide a listing of projects proposed for funding and how those projects are consistent with the adopted IRWM Plan In cases where the

¹ The project will be ultimately expanded to serve 5,500 connections

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project has been added post adoption, please discuss how the addition of the project(s) was consistent with the procedures established in the adopted IRWM Plan. If the IRWM Plan is silent on procedures to modify the implementation project list, the proposal is limited to the projects contained in the IRWM Plan on September 30, 2008.

The three projects included in this application were identified and prioritized in the 2004 MWA IRWM Plan³.

- Joshua Basin Water District Recharge Basin and Pipeline Project (RWMP p. 9-13)
- Hi-Desert Water District Wastewater Treatment and Water Reclamation Project (RWMP p. 9-26⁴)
- Mojave Water Agency Turf Removal Conservation Incentive Program (RWMP p. 7-10, 9-28)

Urban Water Management Planning Act Compliance

Urban water suppliers that will include funding from the proposed grant are:

- Joshua Basin Water District
- Hi-Desert Water District

Both the Joshua Basin Water District and the Hi-Desert Water District have submitted complete 2005 Urban Water Management Plans to DWR. Both plans have been verified as complete by DWR.

Both the Joshua Basin Water District and the Hi-Desert Water District will submit updated 2010 Urban Water Management Plans to DWR, to be verified by DWR as complete, prior to execution of a grant agreement.

No additional water suppliers, including those that might meet the urban water supplier definition threshold for the first time, will receive funding through this grant application.

CWC 525 Compliance CWC Section 525 Compliance

Urban water suppliers that will include funding from the proposed grant are:

- Joshua Basin Water District
- Hi-Desert Water District

Both districts are fully metered, and have provided self-certification documents for CWC Section 525 compliance, which are included in Attachment ¹³.

³ MWA, 2004 Regional Water Management Plan Update, Chapter 9 (included in this application as **Error! Reference source not found.** (submitted into BMS as Att1_IG1_MWA_Eligible_2ofTotal2)

⁴ Listed in the IRWMP as “Local Wastewater Treatment Plant (Yucca Valley)”